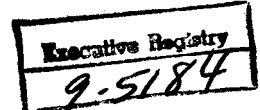


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The Honorable Wilbur M. Brucker  
Secretary of the Army  
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Brucker:

It is a pleasure to commend the performance of duty and accomplishments of Major Lucien E. Conein, [redacted] USAR, during the period July 1954 through July 1956 when he was assigned to this Agency in Vietnam.

The responsibilities of Major Conein during this critical and eventful period were of a sensitive clandestine nature, comparable to those of a Special Forces troop commander on an isolated mission, and called for a high degree of initiative, resourcefulness and professional skill. At all times, Major Conein demonstrated his military and operational proficiency in an outstanding manner, often with complete disregard for his own safety.

The very significant contribution made by Major Conein to the success of our mission in Vietnam is greatly appreciated. I commend him for a job well done and wish him all success now that he has resumed his military career with the United States Army.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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The Honorable Wilbur M. Brucker  
Secretary of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I take this opportunity once again, though belatedly, to commend Major Lucien E. Conain, [redacted] USAR, and to express my appreciation for the services he has rendered during the long period of his assignment to this Agency.

At this time I wish to take note particularly of his performance and accomplishments in Vietnam during the critical and eventful period from July 1954 through July 1956. The operations and activities for which he was responsible were of a sensitive and clandestine nature—comparable one might say to those of a Special Forces troop commander on an isolated mission—and called for a high degree of initiative, resourcefulness, and professional skill. Major Conain at all times demonstrated his military and operational proficiency in an outstanding manner and often with complete disregard for his own safety.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to have had this association with Major Conain. I commend him for a job well done and extend my best wishes for his success now that he has resumed his military career with his parent service, the United States Army.

Sincerely,

ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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